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OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES
WASHINGTON, D. C.

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 4 September 1946

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 L. Project
 x Person
 x Murphy,

SUBJECT: "L" Project

TO : The Director, Room 125, Administration Building, Office of Strategic Services, Washington, D.C.

FROM : Lt. Comdr. Willis A. Murphy, MC., USNR

Purpose: To secure an efficient rapidly acting poison which would produce death when orally administered.

Introduction: The deadliest poisons known at the present time are cyanide, aconitine and nicotine. Very minute quantities of the latter two substances are sufficient to produce a fatal outcome in human beings. However, the duration of action usually lasts over an hour. Cyanide on the other hand acts within ten minutes. The minimum lethal dose is about five grains.

The present "L" Agent used in this organization is a large (20grain) tablet of potassium cyanide enclosed in a heavy metal foil. It is designed to be carried in the mouth and can be swallowed with impunity providing the covering is intact. In order to secure the desired effect the subject must first bite through the metal covering after which the tablet is swallowed which permits the cyanide to come in contact with the mucous membranes of the stomach. Although we have no first hand reports, it seems reasonable to assume that a considerable amount of chewing might be necessary to expose enough of the material and, consequently, if the individual bent on self-destruction was under surveillance his attempts might easily be thwarted.

In view of these considerations Colonel Missal requested that an investigation be conducted in order to secure a more suitable preparation.

Results: It occurred to the writer that inasmuch as potassium cyanide is readily soluble in water and that such a solution is quite stable; that we should employ a saturated solution of this agent and that it should be put up in individual ampules each containing about ten minims of solution; the dosage of potassium cyanide in each ampule would approximate eight grains. E.R. Squibb and Company, who collaborated with us on Project "K", agreed to undertake the manufacture of these containers. They were also requested to cover each ampule with special sleeving so that when the ampule was held concealed in the mouth there would be less risk of its slipping from place or its accidentally

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being swallowed.

Method of Use: The ampule is small enough so that it can be quite easily concealed in the side of the face between the upper jaw and cheek. To commit suicide all that is required is to crush the ampule between the teeth. The glass is of such thickness that one strong bite will completely shatter it. The sleeving prevents the particles of glass from cutting the mucous membranes of the mouth and at the same time enables the liquid to rapidly come in contact with the oral surface where it is rapidly absorbed. The necessity of swallowing is eliminated. Death should occur within five to ten minutes.

Willis A. Murphy
 WILLIS A. MURPHY
 Lt. Comdr., MC., USNR
 Deputy Chief Surgeon
 Medical Services Office

1 Incl.

One ampule without sleeving containing water.

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Laudon, Sgt. 1st Lt.

9 June 1948

SUBJECT: Recommendation for Promotion

TO : Colonel H. G. Hansen
Headquarters, 88th AAF Base Unit
Holling Field, D. C.

1. Sgt. Lloyd L. Laudon, ASN 0815107, has been Crew Chief of the C-45, Squadron 100, which is assigned to the Office of Strategic Services for the use of Major General William J. Donovan and other high officials of the agency.

2. Sgt. Laudon has performed these duties for practically one year in his present grade.

3. During that period, which coincides with the assignment of the plane to the Office of Strategic Services, Sgt. Laudon has participated in all of its flights. His support maintenance of this ship is worthy of the highest commendation. It has always been ready on short notice to take off on a mission.

4. Sgt. Laudon's military appearance and observation of military courtesies have been exemplary.

5. Captain Kenneth O. Fremsted, ASN 0-880700, the pilot of the above aircraft, recommends his promotion without reservation.

6. For the above reasons, it is recommended that Sgt. Laudon be promoted to the next higher grade of 1st Sgt.

CHARLES S. CHRISTEN
Assistant Director

14 April 1948

Mr. L. W. Larsen
 910 San Diego Street
 Coral Gables, 34, Florida

Dear Mr. Larsen:

Reference is made to your letter to General Boardman dated 22 March 1948, concerning the payment of your transportation from Washington to Florida upon the termination of your employment with this Office. Your case has been reviewed with Communications Branch and Special Funds Branch. The Special Funds Branch declined payment of your return transportation since it is the rule of this agency and the Government generally that transportation costs from Washington to the employee's residence are not payable upon the termination of the employee's service with the Government.

As you correctly pointed out in your letter, this Office does, in certain cases, agree to reimburse a prospective employee for transportation costs from his home to Washington and return, where the employee is requested to come to Washington for interviews prior to actual employment. However, the regulations of this Office make no provision for the payment of return transportation when an employee is offered employment upon the completion of his interview and accepts the employment without returning to his home. You chose to be placed upon the payroll immediately upon the completion of your interview, instead of returning home and later returning to Washington at your own expense.

We regret that there has been any misunderstanding in this matter, but trust that you will appreciate that your claim for return transportation was not declined by Special Funds Branch upon a mere technicality, but was refused in conformance with general Government regulations on this subject.

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Your patriotic desire to serve your country is most commendable and is fully appreciated by this Office.

Very truly yours,

John E. O'Gara
Deputy Director, Personnel

cc: Col. Rehm-Mr. Diamond
Lt. Putwell-Mr. Sulloway
Mr. O'Gara
Asmuth: Clarke

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Ter. Lt. J. B. DONOVAN

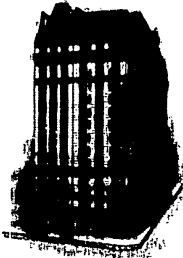
Please talk with me.

WJD

3 Apr. 45

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Director's Office



Hotel MARTINIQUE

BROADWAY AT 32nd STREET • NEW YORK, N.Y.

TELEPHONE PENNSYLVANIA 6-3800

March 26, 1945

General Donovan,
Chief of Strategic Services,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Some time last December (I'm not sure of the exact date) I arranged with Captain Hollander in Miami, Florida to come to "S" camp on the basis that my transportation both ways would be paid. I was to come to Washington, attend "S" camp, return home at government expense, and if notified I was eligible I was to pay my own expenses back. In the event I was found not satisfactory I would of course not return but in the meantime I would have been reimbursed for any expense incurred to and from "S" camp.

I went to "S" camp but instead of returning home at once, I inquired if it would be all right for me to proceed to "O" camp since I was free to do so, particularly when I understood I would get a ten day leave prior to my foreign assignment. This plan seemed to please everybody, the only regret being apparently that Mr. Kline also was not able to do the same, as there was a special assignment waiting for us if we could leave quickly.

I remained at "O" camp until about March 7, at which time I was called to Washington and informed that I could not meet the requirements and that I would be granted a release. It was suggested that perhaps G. D. could use me but after looking into the situation I felt that I could not afford to take the work because I have to support a wife and four children.

I understood that one of the reasons for my release was that I did not even qualify at "S" camp. I felt, therefore, that I was entitled to transportation home and the proper form was filled out and approved by the proper authorities and presented to Special Funds. Due to a technicality, Special Funds did not approve and so unless you can do something about it, this technicality costs me \$55 to which I believe I am justly entitled.

Further, I asked for but was given no real reason why I failed to qualify. My work technically was admitted to be satisfactory and apparently something in my personality indicated that I would have difficulty getting along with people. It seems, however, to be a military secret and also I am too old (42) and too used to being my own boss to be able to change and hence do not merit being told, the fact that I am very much interested in improving myself being negligible.

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TELEPHONE PENNSYLVANIA 6-3800

Hotel **MARTINIQUE****BROADWAY AT 32nd STREET : NEW YORK I.N.Y.**

Of course, you have no way of knowing how many times I have tried to get into some real war effort but failed, mostly due to myopia. When therefore I was willing to leave home for a long period and live under trying conditions instead of staying home in safety and comfort, I feel that it is no more than right to expect reimbursement as per agreement and advice as to how I could be a better American.

Sincerely yours

L. W. Larson

L. W. Larson
910 Santiago Street
Coral Gables, 34, Florida

DIRECT UNDERGROUND PASSAGE TO PENNSYLVANIA STATION AND ALL SUBWAY LINES
One Block to Fifth Avenue and Empire State Building

6 APRIL 1948

Reverend Florian G. Billy D.M.C.
Saints Cyril and Methodius Church
1150 Congress Street
Schenectady 5, New York

Dear Father Billy:

Subsequent to receipt of your letter of 1 March to the Director, we received a report from our personnel people concerning Lieutenant Lasak. They have informed us that Lieutenant Lasak's application was given serious consideration by the various branch chiefs of this Agency but unfortunately no vacancy exists in which Lieutenant Lasak's qualifications and experience could be effectively utilized at this time. I am advised that our personnel people will get in touch with Lieutenant Lasak and notify him of the above. Should a suitable vacancy develop within the next few months they will contact him directly.

On behalf of the Director, may I express our sincere appreciation for your interest in the work of this Agency.

Sincerely,

Alvin Sullivan
Chief, Secretariat

Saints Cyril and Methodius Church

REV. FLORIAN B. BILLY S.M.B., PASTOR

Franciscan Fathers O.M.C.

1188 BOND STREET

ROCHESTER, N.Y.

Lavak, John

x Billy, John

March 1, 1945

Brigadier General William J. Donovan
Director Office of Strategic Services,
Washington 25 D.C.

Dear General:

Greetings and the very best of health and luck to you ! I do hope that you are well and right in there plugging? Some time ago--Dec. 9th to be exact--I had some correspondence with you concerning a young man of mine--Lt. John Lavak--whom I suggested for your department.

Since that time the Lt. was called to New York and interviewed at the office of Major M. Parsons. However, in spite of the fact that he was told that it would take possibly 4 or 5 weeks before he would be notified, the young man hasn't received any word whatsoever.

Will you kindly let me know just what happened to this case ? I shall be most grateful, General.

With kindest regards and best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Rev. F.C. Billy
Rev. Florian B. Billy O.M.C.

Saints Cyril and Methodius Church

REV. FLORIAN C. BILLY D.M.C., PASTOR

Franciscan Fathers O.M.C.

1130 CONGRESS STREET

SCHEENECTADY 3, N.Y.

Dec. 9, 1944

Brigadier General William J. Donovan,
Office of Strategic Services
Washington, D.C.

Dear General:

It was indeed a real pleasure to receive your most cordial letter. Thank you very kindly for the spirit manifested therein.

May I ask you to give me a general idea of the particular territory of work, which your office has to cover? This will be of much help for the future in guiding me in my correspondence with you. For after all, General, I'm going to take you up on the kind invitation you extended me!

Wishing you the best,

Sincerely yours,

Rev. F. C. Billy O.M.C.
Rev. Florian C. Billy O.M.C.

P.S. I have a youngest brother of mine serving as Chaplain with the VIIIth Air Force in England. He's been there for some time now. Maybe he can perform some mission for you sometime--in return for the good deed?



5 December 1944

Reverend Florian G. Billy O.M.G.
Saints Cyril and Methodius Church
1182 Congress Street
Schenectady 5, New York

Dear Father Billy:

I am very glad that you felt free to write to me concerning Lt. John J. Lasek. I am asking our personnel people to get in immediate touch with him to see whether it can be worked out to have him transferred to our organization. He seems to have a number of qualifications which might be of interest to us, and we shall certainly show him every consideration.

Please do not hesitate to write to me again if there are any other matters in which I can be of assistance.

Sincerely,

William J. Donovan
Director

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Sasato, St. John
x Billy, Rev. F.

Saints Cyril and Methodius Church

REV. FLORIAN C. BILLY O.M.C., PASTOR

Franciscan Fathers O.M.C.

1188 CONGRESS STREET

COHENESTADY 8, N.Y.

Nov. 29, 1944

Brigadier General Wm. Donovan,
Office of Strategic Services
United States War Department,
Washington, D.C.

Dear General Donovan:

Greetings and the best of health and luck to you! No, I'm not a personal or official acquaintance of yours, but your job and your name are sufficient reason for me to wish you well and be free to say so. Right?

There's a young army man in my parish by the name of 1st Lt. John J. Labak, who has asked me to try and help him get into the Strategic Services Department of the Army...at the present time he's stationed at the Coheneestady Army Services Forces Depot, at which place I'm sure you can obtain all his record. Inasmuch as he understands—besides American—the Slovak, Polish, and affiliated Slav languages I thought that you might be able to use him to your advantage? And instead of turning to some of my acquaintances like Senator Reed, or Senator Wagner, or Congressman Kearney, thought it might expedite matters by just going to you directly.

May I be favored with your kind reply?

Sincerely yours,

Rev. Florian C. Billy
Rev. Florian C. Billy O.M.C.

OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES
WASHINGTON, D. C.

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Lt. Bane, Secretariat
 THROUGH: Lt. Cmdr. Antell *Antell*
 FROM: Capt. Sarvis
 SUBJECT: 1st Lt. John P. Lasak

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1. History of Case

Letter from Rev. Florian C. Billy, OMC, to Gen. Donovan (not a personal or official acquaintance of Gen. Donovan) recommending subject officer on basis of linguistic ability (Slavic languages). Father Billy stated he was writing direct to Gen. Donovan rather than to his acquaintances Senator Nease, Senator Wagner or Congressman Kearney.

Case referred to Col. Roberts by Lt. Bane asking that Secretariat be informed of decision.

RO24 to Maj. Parsons for interview.

SA-1's received and screened by Lt. Sarvis who was unfavorably impressed because of lack of formal education, High School and Embalming School; civilian background, toolmaker and funeral director; past military history involving General Court Martial. Officer was found not guilty of Specification and Charges but it was nevertheless felt that such military background was not especially suited to OSS.

2. Results of Shopping

Case was shopped as it was front office. SO rejected--Balkan extraction and age unattractive. SI rejected on basis of no qualifications for any outstanding RO1. File was shopped informally to other branches who were not interested.

Recommendation

Suggest that Lt. Bane, Secretariat, write brush-off letter to Father Billy and subject officer.

Myron C. Sarvis
 MYRON C. SARVIS
 Capt. CAC
 Personnel Procurement Branch

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8 December 1944

Reverend Florian C. Billy O.M.G.
 Saints Cyril and Methodius Church
 1180 Congress Street
 Schenectady 5, New York

Dear Father Billy:

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Please do not hesitate to write to me again if there are any other matters in which I can be of assistance.

Sincerely,

William J. Donovan
 Director

CAB:caj:edp

25 November 1944

Mrs. Lillian O. Larson
840 Grove Street
Meadville, Pennsylvania

My dear Mrs. Larson:

In the absence of General Donovan, your letter of 20 November 1944 was referred to this office for reply.

Major Harold P. Larson's serial number and proper address, according to our records, are as follows:

Major Harold P. Larson
ASN 0408800
Hq. Area "H" (OG), OSS Detachment (Main)
APO #413, c/o Postmaster
New York, New York

If this office can be of further assistance to you, please feel free to communicate directly with us.

Sincerely,

C. A. HANE
Lieut., USNR
Chief, Secretariat

Meadville Pa

Nov 20, 1944/15/109

Larson, Carl Wm 1

William J. Donovan,
Brig. Gen. U.S. Army
Office of Strategic Services,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir: We received the letter of sympathy
over the loss of our son, Captain William Larson,
and are turning to you for a little help.

We would like very much to get a
letter through to Major Harold P. Larson,
who is in command of the branch of the
detachment, our son was in. A letter was
received from Major Larson but the letters
I have written have been returned marked
"returned for more definite address". Is it
possible for me to get Major Larson's
serial number?

The address I have is Hq Area "H" (07)
O.S.S. Detachment (Main) A.P.O. 413 U.S. Army.

I will be very grateful and thank
you.

Yours truly,

Miss Lenora O. Larson
840 Grove St
Meadville, Pa.

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RG 413 (110)
APO
4/6 PAI, N.Y.

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Date 26 Oct 44To: General William J. Donovan

1. Attached is a proposed letter of sympathy to the mother of Captain William F. Larsen, OG, killed in action overseas probably during the latter part of August 1944.

2. We were informed yesterday that the War Department has notified the next of kin.

3. No operational security is involved.

Peter F. Pugliese
PETER F. PUGLIESE
1st Lieut., AUS

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Office of the Secretariat

(U110)

24 October 1944

Mrs. Emma O. Larson
848 Grove Street
Hendville, Pennsylvania

My dear Mrs. Larson:

I have just learned with deep regret of the death of your son, Captain William F. Larson, in action overseas.

May I convey to you both personally and on behalf of your son's other associates in this Agency our deepest sympathy.

While I realize it cannot lessen your grief, I should like you to know the respect with which your son was regarded in this Agency. He was deeply admired by his fellow officers and men for the heroic and courageous manner in which he performed his duties.

With full appreciation of the extent of your loss and my sincere respect, I am

Very sincerely yours,

WILLIAM F. DONOVAN
Brig Gen, USA
Director

PUGLIESE:PETERSON

OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES
680 FIFTH AVENUE
NEW YORK 20, N.Y.

9 November, 1944.

MEMORANDUM

TO: Brigadier General William J. Donovan
FROM: John C. Hughes

I attach a short memorandum from DeVacchi to me, which I think you will find of interest. I cannot vouch for Mr. Gerli's information, but his report of the general gossip here in New York is interesting about Poletti and General O'Dwyer. Also, if LaGuardia is to go to Italy you may care to give consideration to this suggestion that the position of OSS in Italy should be discussed with him prior to his departure.

J.C.H.

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OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES

INTEROFFICE MEMO

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TO:

MR. JOHN B. HUGHES

DATE: November 9, 1944

FROM:

ROBERT DEVEGNI *a.w.*

SUBJECT:

When Mr. Paulino Gerli was in my office yesterday, we discussed the question of Mayor LaGuardia going to Italy. Mr. Gerli said that he had been told that Mayor LaGuardia's appointment, either as a civilian or as a General in the Army, was still being considered in Washington, and that a definite decision would be reached shortly after the elections.

It appears, that LaGuardia will only accept the appointment if Washington will grant him certain powers which he feels are necessary in order to satisfactorily discharge his duties.

It might be advisable to try to ascertain in Washington if Mayor LaGuardia is going to Italy and, if so, to arrange to have either General Donovan or Colonel Ruxton, or someone else in the organization, talk to him and explain the work that this Agency is doing, describing briefly the set-up and the personnel we have in Italy. It is doubtful in my mind, that he knows very much about ORG, and rather than have him learn about it in Italy, it would seem advisable that he be talked to prior to his departure.

If Mayor LaGuardia does go to Italy and someone talks to him, then Colonel Glavin should be advised of the date of his departure and also of the talk had with LaGuardia. Colonel Glavin should be instructed to call upon him on arrival.

Mr. Gerli also said that the general gossip here in New York is to the effect that Colonel Poletti is being considered as the Democratic candidate for the governorship of New York, and that General O'Dwyer, who has recently returned from Italy, will not go back to Italy and will be the Democratic candidate for Mayor of New York at the next election.

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#43171. To Toulain from Cheston, with reference to your #39901.

We are interpreting your above message to mean that Major Lanternman's transfer is now in effect. I had asked Colonel Hoppner to dispatch Lanternman to Cairo but requested that he was not to be transferred until we received the complete particulars regarding the case for Lanternman's release. We have not received this report to date. We will send it on to you when it arrives unless you notify us that the facts are already in the possession of G-2, USAFUE. Please inform us about this.

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✓ #39901. Inskip to Dodd.

Happner, at Kandy, has been asked by Toulmin to transfer Major Jack V. Lanterman to OSS, Cairo, in order that he may be further transferred to G-2, USAFINE, Cairo. Lanterman is here and his transfer is in process of being effected now. This message is intended to advise you that we are taking the requisite consent for granted, on the responsibility of the chief of OSS, Cairo. Col. Makin, G-2, has been anxious to obtain Major Lanterman. In order to obtain the utmost advantage from doing Col. Makin this favor, we felt it would be best to arrange the transfer as soon as possible. Lanterman's serial number is 0-369774.

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#7544. Hoppner only, from Cheston.

Lanternman may go on to Cairo as you have ordered but we cannot complete his transfer papers as you asked in your #7474 until we know the nature of his misconduct. Although your #5827 intimated that his offense was of a serious nature, we have not as yet received the detailed report mentioned in that message. Kindly advise us as soon as possible the date on which it was sent.

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#6984. To PPB, Bolt and Cheston from Hopper.

We are sending you a complete report in writing about Major Jack Lanterman, who is leaving today for the U.S. It took great effort on my part to dissuade the U.S. Army command for SEAG from starting reclassification proceedings against him in this theater. I was able to induce them not to do so only because I felt that our organization would itself institute appropriate action on Cheston and would make sure he was not transferred to some other unit with his current rank. He is not qualified to hold his rank of major and is not fit to serve as an officer in the Army.

To
Col. Roberts

TOR: 10/3/44 12:30 PM

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#5087. Hoppner to Chaston only.

1. I should like to ask that you authorize the immediate return to the States of Major Jack Lanterman for reclassification. This request is made for the following reasons: (1) absolute failure to carry out his assignments and (2) conduct which was harmful to the reputation of our organization.

2. Will you please answer this by priority radio as there is a boat which will leave here very shortly.

3. SMO ARMY officials know of this recommendation, and they feel that even more harsh action should be taken.

4. A detailed report is being forwarded.

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DIRECTOR, SECRETARIAT, MAGRUDER

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#180646 TO USTRAVIC, LONDON OUT 8445.

#31424. TO CASERTA, ITALY OUT 8444.

ACTION: LONDON. INFORMATION: CASERTA. FOR JJ/001

FROM OH/001.

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AFTER SEVERAL CONFERENCES WITH IO9 IT WAS DETERMINED THAT GILARDI AND LANZA SHOULD NOT RETURN TO CB/LAND AND THAT THEIR SERVICES BE TERMINATED. THIS HAS BEEN DONE AS OF APRIL SIXTH WITH THIRTY DAYS NOTICE. LETTERS OF COMMENDATION BY IO9 WERE GIVEN THEM. THEY WERE INFORMED THAT DUE TO REORGANIZATION IN CB/LAND IT WAS IMPOSSIBLE TO USE THEIR SERVICES.

TOD: 1936 9 APRIL 45

JAC JB WGT LMS RAP

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#29894. GLAVIN AND SAINT FROM 109.

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NO REPLY RECEIVED HERE IN RESPONSE TO MY CABLE #28304
 (OUT 638) REQUESTING TLA AND APR FOR CARLO GIARDI AND ANGELO LANZA
 DI TRABIA. WOULD YOU PLEASE EXPEDITE THIS MATTER?

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#28304. TO GLAVIN AND SAINT FROM 109.

AFTER INVESTIGATION HERE OF GILARDI CASE I CAN FIND NO JUSTIFICATION FOR REFUSING HIS RETURN TO THEATER. IT IS ALSO FELT THAT LANZA'S SERVICES, WHICH ARE IMMEDIATELY NEEDED IN THEATER WOULD BE LESS EFFECTIVE WITHOUT GILARDI. WOULD YOU PLEASE SECURE TCA AND AIR PRIORITY FOR CARLO GILARDI AND ANGELO LANZA DI TRAVIA.

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#26604. SAINT. CASERTA (OUT 5182)

#12024. SAINT. LONDON (OUT 5183)

FOR 88/068, CASERTA. INFORMATION: LONDON.

Return 35344

NOTHING CAN BE DONE CONCERNING LANZA UNTIL 109'S RETURN
IN APPROXIMATELY 2 WEEKS.

See memo X-2 16,230

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JB AGT LMS RAP

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SECRET#35394. SAINT. CASERTA TO WASHINGTON FOR DH/001. REFERENCE LONDON-
CASERTA #1060.REQUEST LANZA BE RETURNED IMMEDIATELY AND THAT GILARDI BE HELD
PENDING DISCUSSIONS LANZA, CROCKETT AND MYSELF HERE. PLEASE INFORM
109.

HOLD FOR WJD

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Handwritten: [illegible] [illegible]
x [illegible]

11 May 1944

President Dixon Ryan Fox
College Grounds
Schenectady, New York

Dear Dr. Fox:

I have received your letter of May sixth and realize the difficulties you will necessarily encounter in finding a man to carry on Professor Langsam's work with you.

I appreciate your motives in agreeing to his release and assure you that the greatest possible use will be made of his background and abilities.

Sincerely yours,

William J. Donovan
Director

Langsam, Dr. Letter 14362
x Lang. President D. R.

**UNION COLLEGE
 SCHENECTADY, NEW YORK
 OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT**

[4.2.00]

May 6, 1944

Colonel William J. Donovan,
 Office of Strategic Services,
 Washington, D. C.

My dear Colonel Donovan:

I have your letter of May 3rd and have given it very careful attention. I have talked with Professor Langsam, and though he did not feel he could divulge the exact character of the assignment, I came to realize that it was of high and critical importance. I cannot conceal from you that Dr. Langsam's departure is a real embarrassment to the work of the College; but we are ready to undertake the necessary readjustments to make possible this special service to the war effort.

Cordially yours,

Dixon Ryan Fox
 Dixon Ryan Fox,
 President.

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3 May 1944

President Dixon Ryan Fox
 College Grounds
 Schenectady, New York

Dear Dr. Fox:

Dr. Walter Langean has told you of our talks with him and of our great need for him to come and work with us right away. We have in mind specific responsibility for which his training prominently fits him. We canvassed the field of possibilities before we talked with him at all, and he was easily the outstanding man for the post.

His knowledge of the politics of Central Europe during the past several years, his energy and his broad capabilities qualify him to take hold of German material which must be given direction and pointed quickly and precisely into a military framework. As I think you know, this is an agency of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and all our work is done under directive from them.

If Dr. Langean leaves you, arrangements will have to be made by you for a substitute. I am sorry for that inconvenience. You may be sure, however, that we would not ask for him on sudden notice unless there were a vital and urgent need.

Very sincerely yours,

William J. Donovan
 Director